HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A unique and attractive holder for umbrellas and canes, particularly useful in a cottage house, where the halls are small, as it can be hung in the corner behind the door, is made of bamboo or other firm hollow wood. Secure a piece four or five feet long, and along the length saw V-shaped openings, some five or six inches apart, leaving a foot or more at the top without. A vine with bright leaves and flowers can be painted at the top and a couple of holes bored, in which is run a ribbon or cord. Japanese wares are sold can secure them at small cost. An authority on house furnishing and decoration gives directions for an

ORNAMENTAL UMBRELLA HOLDER for hanging on a wardrobe door, which can be made in this way : Take unbleached linen canwas and cut a strip about one yard long (or education. - Bessie Dietz, Zanesville, O. length of umbrella) and 10 inches wide. To this add or lay on top a similar sized piece. colored braid loop on at top to hang by. They are pretty with appliqued figures or monograms worked in bright silks and bound to match.

STRAMED CORNEREAD. DEAR TRIBUNE CIRCLE: I will send you a recipe for making cornbread. We all think it just splendid, and want every lady to try it. Take two cupfuls of sour malk, two cupfuls of cornmeal, one and a half cupfuls of flour, one cupful molasses, one teaspoonful of soda, a little salt; steam three hours. Let me hear from those who try this. Father was a member of Co. B, 78d Ill., and was a prisoner at Libby, Pemberton and Ross. He looks through every number of THE TRIBUNE for something from his old comrades, but has thus far been disap- Taylor. pointed.-Soldier's Daughter, Delano, Ill. [The Editor tried the recipe of Soldier's Daughter as soon as read, and everybody pronounced it very nice at supper-time, after three

hours' steaming.]

ROLL JELLY CAKE. Among the old things always new and nice when made right, is roll jelly cake. It is the sponge cake, with a small quantity of shortening. All it needs is a little care in baking and to be spread with good jelly to be dainty and delicious. This recipe, well followed out, will be found among the best. Three eggs, beaten separately till very light, then beaten together; add one cupful of sugar, three tablespoonfuls of cream or one of melted butter, one capful sifted flour mixed with one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and one of soda. Spread very thin on long shallow pans, and bake in a moderate even. Spread waile warm with jelly, not too thick. Trim the edges with a sharp knife, and roll up. Should your jetty be a little too stiff, mash it to a smooth cream before spreading, and it will not break the surface of your cake. POTATO BALLS.

to be a prime table dish, should be made as follows: Take one plut of hot mashed potatoes made soft with a little milk and well seasoned with butter, pepper and salt, and a little chopped parsley if you can get it. Add the hall of one teaten egg, and mix well. Shape into smooth round balls, brush over with the remaining egg, and bake until brown on a buttered tin. Do not have your potatos too moist, or they will flatten in the pan.

Tribune Exchange.

I enjoy the letters from different ones, and would like to ask if there is any one who would like to exchange pieces of satin, velvet or silk for Florida. euriosities, such as Spanish and other mosses, Pal- | Keokuk, Lee Co., Iowa. metto cloth, Cherokee beans, etc. 1 am trying to make a "Crazy Sofa Pillow." Although living back in the "Piney Woods," I have caught the months in the army, -Mrs. C. A. Osborne, Enstis, Fiorida.

JOHN BROWN'S CHILDREN.

In an old graveyard in Richfield, Summit Co., O., 40 years ago were laid to rest four of the children of John Brown, of Ossawatomie. The children died in September, 1843, and within four days of each other, of an epidemic disease prevailing at the time. In their memory and that of his first wife Mary, John Brown had a modest stone creeted to mark the grave. The names of the children given on the stone are Charles, Austin, Peter and Sarah. . Under the names are carved a tew lines, which the old Abolitionist composed himself for the pur-

"Through all the dreary night of death In peaceful siumbers may you rest, And when eternal day shall dawn And shades and death have past and gone, Oh, may you then, with glad surprise, In God's own image wake and rise.' Did Miss Jennie Boskell get the song entitled "Kittle Wells"? The 25th chapter of Job has the | Thibune. Long may it live and prosper.—M. A. least number of words. Am glad The Tribune | Deasy, Ottawa, Kan. readers study the good book instead of so much about bangs, -- John B. Brauigan, Providence, R. L. I want to ask the Florida renders of THE TRIB-The to write a description of the country down there-the expense and profits of growing oranges. pineapples and benames; the prices of land, and the chances to get homesteads from Uncle Sam. Any circulars or papers on the cuttivation of fruits in Florida will be thankfully received by -A. W. Paul, Co. B. Illth Ill., Box 76, Counerville, Ran-

Conversation Club.

EDITOR'S CHAT. A few of the members of the Conversation Club are very careless about their spelling, and others write on soiled sheets of paper, or forward blotted, carelessly written letters. Good friends, this will mover do. The Conversation Club is for mutual improvement and cultivation, and in presenting yourselves you should "put your best foot foremest." If you were near enough together to meet

one another each week face to face, how careful you would be to come with shining faces and well-tucked hair and polished shoes, Whether you came in imported finery or neat selves all you can. Love to all.—C. J. Machias, homespun garments, you would be careful to Box 107, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. look your best, knowing that cleanliness is next to godliness, as the good book says. The boys would put on their new Christmas neckthroats or a rose on their breasts, and their nails would be carefully tended, and no grease spots would be allowed to appear on the jaunty overskirts or the lappels of the best coat or vest. All would be trim and tidy, at the risk of being termed a sloven or an uncivilized

Well, dear young friends, it is just the same with your letters. They should be written carefully on fresh, clean paper. Wash your hands carefully before writing. Do not take too much ink on your pens, and do not rub your hand across the moist page or fold it before it is dry. Be careful of your spelling, and if you are in doubt look at your spelling-book or dictionary. The letter writ-ten and well dried (with a blotter if you have one), lay it down on the table or desk, fold and crease it smoothly by running your thumbnail along the fold. When you have placed it in the envelope be careful that you do not mine in this way: Will get a scrap-book, about the moisten the mucilage, as it will run, making moisten the mucilage, as it will run, making the letter stick to the envelope.

In short, write neatly, write briefly. Avoid long sentences. Come to the point directly, pretty eards. I will send a card in return for every Look out for your spelling, punctuation and capitals, and be sure that your letter is free from blots and blemishes as you can make it. You will thus secure a standing welcome in the terns and silks for patchwork, with members of Conversation Club.

No girl can be in the fashion who spells "style" with an "i." She must look better to

her spelling, or some one will be asking the res- lowa.

POPULAR EDUCATION. DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: Popular education is the grandest thing in the world. When you educate the masses you promote civilization, science, art, religion, peace and prosperity. You make the people emplie of self-government, give to all the power and the right to think and act intelligently, and take them from the control of the few, who would use them for the advancement of and I enjoy the pleasant chat of our soldiers' boys their own soldier have education and girls.—Lillie McClure, Litchfield, Grayson Co.,

nature endowed. Take China and Japan, where the few are highly educated and exercise absolute power, where the many ere kept in abject subjection, and how marked the contrast compared with the United States, where education is most widely

disseminated among the masses.

There the Government remains under the control of a single family for centuries, their power in some cases being supreme. When one ruler dies another lineal descendant takes the crown. It is not their will to educate their subjects, for they know that when they do they give them more power. They

soon comprehend the situation, and consequently the power of the throne would crumble.
On the other hand, take the people of the United States, with their present advantages of education. As a people and a Nation we are farther advanced in civilization, science, art, and all other educational matters than any other on the face of the earth. Let us hold on to our Free School System. There is sound sense in Florinda Fay's letter. My father, Maj. H. L. Harbaugh, served in the 160th Ohio, Army of the Potomae, and I had six uncles in the war. I am 21, and would appreciate letters from soldiers' daughters,-Chas, E. Harbaugh, Osage Mission, Kan.

Graves, Maryville, Mo. Would like to hear from all-bangs or no bangs. FREE SCHOOLS IN INDIANA. Florinda Fay is just right in her views on educa-We should all be grateful for the opportunities afforded us in our modern free schools. Father never received much education, as he lived a long way from school, in Decatur County, Ind. Now we have schools very near our doors. There are four boys of us; we have to go one and a baif miles to school. I am the oldest—18 years old.
When we had subscription schools the poor class
of people bad no chance to educate their child: n; but now we have free or public schools, and the poor, with the rich, can get an education. My father served three years and three months in Co. K, 32d Suspend the bamboe and place the umbrellas | Ill.; was starved three months in the robel prisons or canes in the V. Those who live where on a pint of comment ground cob and all,-Theodore Woodworth, Newman, Ill. ELITER THAN RICHES.

We think a good education surpasses riches by far. We think THE TRIBUNE the dearest paper in the world, and the C. C. just splendid.-Blonde A good education is better than riches. Riches

SUPERSTITIONS. DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: As no one has taken Stitch down through the center. This gives up with the Editor's suggestion that we give our two pockets or cases for umbrellas. Sew red or | views on superstitions, I may be permitted a few words, and would like the views of others. Superstition is belief in emens, or false devotion, or worship. Under this head are ghosts, dreams, fortune-telling, dogs barking and whining, birds flying in at the window, and many others. The ancients believed in them, and there is where many of them had their origin, particularly among the Greeks, Romans and Egyptisns. I believe the negroes and Chinese to be more affected by superstitions than almost any other peope. The negroes believe in them to this day, while among most people there is a lingering belief in household operstitions. But, thank fortune, I believe in none of them! Let us hear from all on the subject. I would propose, as the most suitable subject for dis-"The Pleasures of Memory."-Adda B.

WINTER EVENING AMUSEMENTS. DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: The girls of our town have a Charade Club. We meet every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p. m. We have our President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We find it a very pleasant amusement for the Winter evenings. Will some one send me some charades, either through THE TELEUNE or by writing to me person-Papa served in Co. B, 102d Ohio, and I am glad to make one more in the Conversation Club, simplest form of a batter cake, or rather a which I like so much .- Vida Lawrence, Berea, O. PROFITABLE EVENINGS.

DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB; R. M., Maine, asked if any of the Club belonged to the Chataugua Literary and Scientific Circle. I do not, but do belong to the Chatauqua Young Folks' Reading Unio We meet every Friday evening, and besides readings have music, essays and recitations. In a former letter my address was given "Ind.," instead of "Md.," so I did not receive letters. Would like to hear particularly from some one who lives in the mountains, in the far West, or in Florida. I agree with Pirdie Maione on the value of snything that adds to our appearance. We live in a Southern State, but it seems more like a Middle State. The wind is whistling round the window as I write. Would like some one to send me some minerals, and in exchange will send a few pebbles from the public buildings now in course of erection in Phila-

WANTS AND WISHES. I am getting up a Business-Card Album, and I wish all the soldiers' daughters and sons would send me a pretty business card of any kind. To the prettiest ones I will send a handsome chromo card with my name on it. Papa is watching the little yellow slip on his paper. He does not intend to lose a single number. As I am a soldier's daugh- wounded in it ter, I would like to express my appreciation of your good work for those who suffered so much for their

country. Good luck and a glorious future for the grand old TRIBUNE,-Lillian E, Ladd, Colchester, Will some one send me the words of the song, "Jennie, the Flower of Kildnir"? Father was wounded at the battle of Little Rock, Ark., and ived but two weeks after he was sent home to die. le belonged to Co. A, 1st Iowa,-Ella Timberlake,

To the girl sending me the nicest collection of back in the "Pincy Woods," I have caught the fever. My backand was three years and eight neatly printed on them. I am the daughter of a veteran of Co. A, 13th Ill. I agree with Madge Lee on style, and would like to correspond with her; also, Vina Lee, of Eureka, Kan, -Minaie Schmidt, Box 858, Belvisiere, Ill. I would like to exchange album cards and letters

with soldiers' sons and daughters. Will some one send me the poem of which these few lines are a

Uncover your head and hold your breath. This been not every lifetime intir-To look upon men who have walked with death, And have not been afraid,' -Letta, Box 43, Rockland, Me. Who will exchange lace patterns with me? And who will send the address of itr. White, Surgeon of

the 2d Tenn., to my father, whose address is Abra-

ham Cate, Co. K, 2d Tenn., Henry's Cross Roads, Sevier Co., Tenn.-Malinda Cate. I would be grateful for sick or satin pieces for my log-cabin quiit, and also for letters. Father served in Co. D, 21st Mich., and I had three uncles in the war. I would like to see all the soldiers pensioned.—Eunice E. Miller, Greenville, Mich. I am patiently waiting for some one to send directions for making a postal-card album. I am not a soldier's daughter, yet my love for a soldier is not a particle tess. I here express my love for Tan

For a mee piece to speak I will send a good song My uncle, Calvin Weeks, served from July, 1861, to July, 1865; was wounded in the breast at Shiloh, and taken prisoner at Atlanta and confined in the loathsome prisons of Andersonville, Charleston, Florence, and Remington, S. C.—Rosa C. Adams, Hamilton, Iowa. I will send the "Poor Old Slave" to any one who

will forward me the words of "Rally Round the Flag." I am a girl (15) with auburn hair and bine eyes, who thinks dancing a fine amusement for young people, and would like letters from the Club. -Eva Alton, Madena, Minn.
I will send a present to the one who sends the most silk pieces for my spread. I am a veteran's daughter (16), who thinks dancing improper for young girls. Would like ietters, and will send the song, "Six Feet of Earth," to any one desiring the same,-Lidie M. Godwin, Worthington, Ind. Who of the Club will exchange songs, without music, with me. I would like letters from 4th Mo. children; and will Annie Watson tell the Club more of the Border War .- R. W. Edwards, Mounds,

Who will send me the song of "The Brave Volunteer," in which these words occur: 'No more to the roll-call he will answer, 'I am For he sleeps his last sleep, the brave volunteer.'

AUTOGRAPH ALBUM VERSES. I send these sutographs to THE TRIBUNE collection and would like to see many more. ties, and the girls a fresh ribbon at their Remember me when far away, if only half awake;

Remember me on your wedding day and send me a piece of cake. Counting seeds is not the way A maiden's love to prove; The very one she casts away

Is the one she's sure to love. "A little word in kindness spoken,

A motion or a tear, Has often healed the heart that's broken, And made a friend sincere." "If we knew the woe and heart-ache Waiting for us down the road, If our lips could taste the wormwood, If our backs could feel the load,

Would we waste the day in wishing For a time that cannot be? Would we wait with such impatince For our ships to come from sea? -Minnie Brucchet, Rose Lawn, Ind. A PRETTY AUTOGRAPH ALBUM.

DEAR CONVERSATION CLUB: I would like to make a postal autograph album. I shall make will paste the cards in the order received. I think this is much neater than to have the cards bound, Those who can draw or paint, can give us very one sent me. To the gentleman sending me the prettiest card of the first 25 received, I will send an embroidered hat-band in addition to my autograph. Would like to exchange embroidery patthe Club. I am a soldier's daughter and believe in everything nice, including "bangs" and "style," and so do the boys, but they are too contrary to admit it.-Box 105, Bentonsport, Van Buren Co.,

If some of the ladies will send me some silk pieces, I will in return send them some patterns for patchwork, or directions for knitting lace edging; or if some of the gentlemen will send me one of their cast-off neckties, I will send them some specimens from Colorado. I had four uncles in the army for the Union.—Emma Ellis, 393 Santa Fe avenue, West Denver, Colo. I would like to exchange serap pictures and resive letters. Father served in Co. A. 27th Ky.,

takes the government from the grasp of a few money sharks," and places it in the hands of the people, for whom all Governments should be formed.

Ky.

Will the sons and daughters of soldiers send their names for my autograph album. I will return mine if de-ired. Where are the sons and the return mine if de-ired. Where are the sons and the return mine if the ired. Popular education equalizes power, breaks down daughters of the veterans of the 104th Ill., especially the spirit of caste, and allows the individual to of Co. C, in which my father served? Let them exercise the faculties with which he has been by speak out.—Lucha M. Harris, Emington, III. I would like choice poems for my scrap-book; also letters. Marquis P. David, Co. B, 25th Wis. is my father, and I had an uncle who died for his country at Andersonville. Allen C. Garigus gives my views on dancing.—Allie David, Blue River,

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED. The following are among the young friends of THE TRIBUNE, who send kind messages and would like to correspond with members of the

deliberately keep the people in ignorance, since with the advantage of mixed schools they would TER TRIBUNE is the nicest paper we take. I man since using "Wells' Health Renewer."

Hope none of the girls will send her photograph to a stranger. Mother always taught me it was an imprudent thing to do. Father served in Co. H. 61st Ill. Would like to hear from the girls.-Cora Agricultural Readers. A. Willet, Gienwood, Iowa.

If Miss Medissa C. Chatfield will write me, I will send her the words of "Over the Hill to the Poor-

I would like to ask the fashionable girls, while they are sitting in the parlor with folded hand and with that don't-touch-se-it-will-rub-off look on their doll-like faces, where their mothers are and what they are doing? Add the knowledge of a thorough housekeeper to your style, and you adto your own and cliers' enjoyment. the rink and dance if you want to, but don't give your photographs for the asking, unless you would have your face familiar to every bar-room loafer Take this sovice for what it is worth.-Lee Edwards, Box 248, Canister, N. Y.
Would like to hear from all; and if F. E. Stoner
writes, will send the words of "Young Charlotte,"— Myrtle Adams, Marine Cny. Mich. We live on a farm in Dakota, on the Missouri River. Father served in Co. C, 20th Wis. Both my prother and I think girls should wear bangs it they want to, but my brother thinks they should be crimped or not worn at all .- Nellie Hammond,

would like particularly to hear from Louis R. Walker, and will send my photograph in exchange

for the best-looking one received. Father served

in Co E, N. Y. L. A .- Ola M. Gardinier, Tremaine's

house." Papa served in Co. E, 16th Ind.-Hattie

Corners, N. Y.

Elk Point, Union Co., Dak. CLUB WHISPERS. We live in the Willamette Valley, where there is plenty of snow, and have fine times snowballing We go to school to Mr. M. W. Hunt, our uncle and prother. Ethel Lynn is our kind of a girl, -Sarah 7. Hunt and Birdie E. Ashby (niece and aunt). Girls should be careful how they say all boys are worthless. Father, uncle and two brothers were in the army, and uncle was killed there. Mamma says when papa enlisted she tried to keep the boys at home, but they said they must go and fight for

their country, too. Girls are not as brave as they think they are. They will run away if they hear a gun go off. Girls have always had the best of itcan sit at home while their brothers face the world and its storms. So it always has been, and I think will remain so. If Charles Miller or Wm. Waters will write me I will tell them all about the West. Would like to hear from Thomas M. Young, of St Joseph, Mo,-Anna P. Heller, 817 South Eighth street, Omaha, Neb. After two years reading of THE TRIBUNE, I am knocking at the door of the club for admittance Greetings for all .- C. W., Box 28, Mark Center, O. My home is on the Kansas prairies, 20 miles from he capital city. Papa served in Co. G. 103d Ill.

the service, one was mortally wounded at Shiloh I belong to the Madge Lee ranks. Will some one send nie the words of "Nellie Gray"? Here is my autograph album sentiment: Love no man, not even your brother; If girls must love, love one another. —May Montgomery, Burlingame, Kan, I would join the Club, which isso interesting, and receive letters.-William Rickey, Box 144, Sigour-

and has been 20 years in Kansas. Of six uncles in

A Massachusetts boy of 17 asks admittance and letters from the Club. Father was a veteran of Co. H, 15th Mass., and belongs to Farragut Post.—H. G. Burgess, South Gardner, Mass.

Our Young Recruits.

TELLING THE BRAVE STORY OVER. Father served in the 33d N. J., and was with herman on all his marches from Chattanooga to Washington, carrying a gun and knapsack all the way.-M. C. Demston, Washington, N. Y. Father served from '6i to '65; was under Gen. Thomas in the first battle of Mill Springs, Ky., and clonged to Ellis's fleet on the Mississippi. took up a homestead in Nebraska in 1868. His command was Co. B. 10th Ind. He would like to phia. Father loves The Tribune, and says it hear from his comrades, and I from a soldier's son to rot and become uscless a year or so sooner rests him when he is tired.—Mary H. Settie, Elkton, Cecil Co., Md. of my own age in some of the Eastern States.— than it should?

Imagene E. Beach (13), 1240 East © street, Lincoln, 4. It is a mist Father marched with Sherman to the sea while serving in Co. C, 63d Ohio. He had three brothers

in the Eastern army, I would like letters from the boys and girls.—Lallie B. Carl, Spanker, Montgom-Father served three years in the navy, and was wounded in the side with a hand-to-ha with a rebel, and was sent to the Brooklyn hospi tal. I can play the organ, drive horses, do my share of housework and hold my own, I think, with any girl of my age. I wish some Florida or dabama girl would write to me. Margie R. Price, Box 322, Berlin, Wis.

Father was three years in the war, wounded twice, and has a small pension. He served in Co. L, loth N. Y. Cav. Will soldiers' children write me?-Helen E. Maybury (13), Solon, N. Y. I am the daughter of Morgan L. Clark, Co. D, 8th Ill. Cav. Would like to bear from the children of papa's comrades.-Nellie F. Ciark, Brant, Erie Co., hanging in the kitchen and muddy tracks in Papa was in Co. K, 16th Wis. Long live THE TRIBUNE. I love it.—Emma Adel Zigier, Helena,

Papa was a soldier in Co. B. 17th Ind.; name, Rob't H. Maxwell. He was wounded at Missionary Ridge, Nov. 25, 1863, and Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865. He would like to hear from his comrades .-Anna Maxwell (12), Farrington, Ind. Father was in the 2d Vt. at the first battle of Bull Run; re-enlisted in the 7th. He belongs to Chamberiin Post, and mother to the Relief Corps.-Nellie G. Parkhurst (9).

Mont. Ter.

[Nellie forgot to write her post-office address. I am the son of a soldier of the 20th Ohio, and have got up a club of 10 subscribers for THE TRIB-Has any little boy done better?-Albert McCafferty (12), Mt. Sterling, Madison Co., O. Papa is the youngest of four brothers, three of whom served in Co. F. 18th Mo., and one in the 7th Mo. Cav. Papa was too young to entist when the war broke out, but got in for Sherman's march to the sea.—Addie Perry (9), St. Joseph. Mo. Whitehead, Owensboro', Ky.: Papa read your letter in The National Tribune, and I think you must be a little girl like myseif. I am eight, go to school, and have bangs, too. I have two sisters and one brother. My papa was a soldier, and mamma's papa and brother were soldiers.—Carrie Belle Whitehead, Lock Box 663, Paris, Ill. Papa says THE TRIBUNE is a true soldiers' paper. He served three years in Co. B, 191st Ill.; name, Geo. W. Wharton. He had a brother in the same company. We live on a farm, and I have a sister Grace only six. - Jessie Wharton (13), Concord, Morgan Co., Ill.

A SIX-YEAR OLD. We reproduce one letter as near as the types

DEAR, EDITOR MY PAPA SERVED IN THE 11th OHIO, BATTE RY. I AM 6 YEARS OLD MY PAPA'S NAME IS, MO SES GRUBER. WILLIE GRUBER, DAYTON OHIO 909 WASHINGTON ST PLEASE, PRINT, THIS IN THE SOLDIER, PAP ER, MY PAPA, LIKES TO READ THE. TRIBUNE

BRAIN RACKERS From Our Young Contributors. CHARADES.

T. E. Brurary, Plattsburg, N. Y., sends this: My first's a fierce and drendful foe; It lays the cot and palace low; Yet, strange to say, you'll always find I am a friend to all mankind. My next is found in every land-In fact, upon the spot you stand. My whole by all a cozy second In olden times was always reckoned.

Answer next week. Out on the hillside, bleak and bare, In Winter's chili and Summer's glare: Down by the ocean's rugged shore, Where restless billows toss and roar; Deep in gloomy caves and mines, Where mists are foul and the sun ne'er shines: Man studies my first and second well To learn what story they have to tell.

Go to the depths of the fathomless sea. Go where the dewdrops shine on the lea, Go where are gathered in lands afar The treasures of earth for the rich bazaar. Go to the crowded ball-room, where All that is lovely, and young, and fair Charms the soul with beauty and grace, And my third shall meet you face to face.

When war's red hand was raised to slay, And front to front great armies lay, Then, oft in the silent midnight camp, Where naught is heard but the sentry's tramp As he patiently paced his lonely round, My whole was sought, and yet when found, I sent full many a warrior brave To his last, long rest in a soldier's grave.
-W. B. Powell, Garrett, Ind. Answer next week.

ENIGMA.

My 7, 8, 9, 10 is a kind of wine; My 14, 15 16, 17 is having power; My 4, 5, 6, 7 is to secure; My 13, 12, 11, 21, 19 is sound of any kind; My 3, 2, 18 is violation of divine law; My 1, 6, 19, 20, third person, singular of "to act"; In whole, I am a word of 21 letters, and mean "want of symmetry." Answer next week.

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My husband (writes a lady) is three times the

Alleden, Neb. 2

Practical Saggestions for Our

CARE ON HORSES' HOOFS. Injudicious rasping is practiced too frequently by the blacksmith, and it is the custom to replace the outers caveting so injudiciously removed with an bintment, so as to prevent and oppose the evaporações of moisture. Grease is generally employed as an impermeable substance, but it is a bad agent; besides, it does not soften the dry crust, and by penetrating into the nail holes, compromises the security of the shoes, and when rancid it acts as an irritant to the coronary ligament. Alkaline substances, such as soda, potash and ammonia, possess the property of softening the hoof, and of disuniting its elements. The knowledge of this fact shows at once the mistake of allowing horses to stand in wet or dung impregnated with the ammonia of the urine, or in the barnyard covered with a thick layer of manure. The moisture thus imbibed is loaded with ammonia, or the elements which constitute it, and which by their alkaline properties soften the horn, dissolve that also of the sole and frog, and cause ulceration. The new horn is dissolved almost as soon as formed, and the irritating fluid, acting on the denuded parts, causes ultimately a sort of fungus growth. It is evident from these facts that cow or horse dung ought not to be used for stopping the feet, or for poulticing. In preference, when there is an indication for restoring the lost moisture of the horn of the feet, use clay, linseed poultice or clear water.

In conclusion, to preserve the horse's feet in as healthy a state as possible, it is necessary, first, to have good shoeing; second, to avoid the paring or rasping of the feet in the too commonly ruinous fashion; third, to keep the feet and legs clean; fourth, to abstain from trimming the hair off the legs in Winter; fifth, to wash the feet every day with clean water; sixth, to allow the horse moderate work or exercise; and, seventh, when the outer delicate and glossy covering is accidently destroyed, to replace it by some impermeable agent.—Prairie Farmer.

MISTAKES OF FARMERS. An exchange furnishes us with the following

1. To think that anyone can farm; that a man who has starved as a canvassar for a patent tooth-pick or has been unsuccessful as a carpenter, can jump into a business requiring high unfamiliar with details, beable to make money. 2. The idea that a large farm, half stocked and poorly cultivated, pays better than a few acres well and carefully tilled.

3. It is the worst kind of a mistake to pay hundreds of dollars for good farm machinery, and allow it for want of proper shelter

4. It is a mistake to let year after year pass | hears from his case, t the farm stock. Blooded cattle pay. They make beef quicker, and the cows give more and richer milk. Better blood in horses pays. A Norman or part Norman colt is a valuable piece 5. To let foolish pride or narrow-minded

jealousy prevent the adoption of new methods when they have been proved by practical men. 6. To get up after the sun, lean on the fork handle, speculate for an hour or two on what the weather is going to be, let the weeds get a 7. To leave a lot of unchopped, wet or half-

split wood at the pile, a lot of old harness the dining room, and expect too see the women folks good natured S. To have a lot of half-fed, emsciated, lonesome looking Jowls roosting, dejectedly in

some old cottonwood tree, when a few good, healthy Plymouth Rock or Brahma chickens, properly housed, would make the poultry yard | pension for the father's service or disability. an honor instead of disgrace.

SHEEP FOR THE BUTCHER.

There is no stock which in fitting for the butcher gives better returns in increased weight, for the food consumed, than sheep of wellselected mutton breeds, or grades of the same. A moderate consumption of grain during the Winter moaths, in addition to ordinary rations, puts them in prime condition for the butcher of land, lives on it a time, then releases it back to in the Spring. But the early Spring lamb | the Government, and another man homesteads it probably pays the largest profit on the cost of production, and nothing which is offered in the markets meets a more ready sale. As a matter of fact very few are offered in the market, for the reason that they are contracted for beforehand by the hotels, restaurants, and retail butchers, who make a specialty of supplying choice meats. Lambs of the mutton breed dropped in December and well cared for during the Winter, given ground feed in addi- paid unless the Treasurer had enough funds to his tion to the milk of the mother, readily command from \$3.50 to \$5.50 per head in the a check drawn upon another bank takes the risk of Spring, and at slight cost to the owner. In the the transaction. If the check was refused by the New York and Philadelphia markets they sometimes bring \$10 per head. There is not the liability of loss in raising Winter lambs that many might suppose. Sheep will stand | have to refund the amount he received. severe cold with apparent impunity if kept dry and not exposed to storms, and the same is largely true of lambs. If the lamb is dropped in a comparatively warm and well-sheltered place, is once dry and on its feet, and has hold of the teat, there is little to fear for it, well sheltered from storms and cold winds. The mothers in such case require rations specially fitted to produce the largest flow of milk, so as to induce rapid growth in the lamb, like a daily ration of roots, with cornmeal and bran; a ration of ensilage would also be excellent for premoting a flow of milk. The writer, when a boy on a New England farm, has more than once, on going out to do the chores on a cold Winter morning, found a lively young lamb dropped during the previous night, the product of a copulation before the rams were separated from the ewes in the Fall, and there was seldom any trouble in raising such lambs. The manure of sheep is of more value in proportion to the food consumed than that of any other stock, which fact led to the Spanish proverb that "the foot of the sheep is golden." Up to this time mutton sheep have never commanded the attention in this country which they have in Great Britain or in Canada. Our people have not learned as yet to appreciate the value of mutton in comparison with other meats as an article of food. But they are learning now, and prime mutton is going to be more in demand than ever before. Through the enable breeds of mutton sheep are becoming well represented in this country, and breeding aniterprise of importers and breeders all the valumals, either for raising pure bred or crossing | 3. Can rederal soldiers drawing pension from the State of Government also draw a pension from the State of any who desire them. Sheep breed so rapidly that, starting with a pure-bred buck and native ewes, it takes but a few years to produce three-

blood .- Farmers' Review. NOTELETS. Feeding of stock during the Winter months should always be done at regular hours. One of the best remedies for diarrhea in fowls is as follows: Give a teaspoonful of raw linseed oil, repeating the dose the second day after. Then give one scraple each of powdered Peruvian bark and hyposulphite of soda, made into pills with common soap, once a day for three or four days. Keep the fowls clean and feed them on cooked oatmeal until they fully recover. Sugar is fed to the cows on a large dairy farm near London, Eng., with good results. It induces the cattle to cat every mouthful of food in the manger, instead of leaving part, as

fourth or seven-eighth grades, which for mut-

ton production are scarcely inferior to the pure

In feeding egg shells to your fowls, crush them, for when fed whole it might teach bad It is a misfortune to have a cow thin in flesh when she is about to calve. Her milk all the season will be less in quantity and poorer in quality than it would be if she were in moderately good flesh. Excess of fat is not desirable, mainly because it shows a tendency for food to go to building up of flesh rather than the making of milk and butter. But a good cow that will calve towards Spring will be all the better for liberal feeding through the Win-

flavor of the milk.

The seeds of pumpkins and squashes are very strongly diurctic. Their effect in causing four years, and notice of contest is posted on said a greater secret on from the urinary organs is claim, how does the original owner redeem said weakening, and in milch cows seriously diminishes the flow of milk. Removing the seeds from pumpkins is therefore very impor- shandoned the land for more than six months at a tant. With the seeds out, pumpkins are excel- time he has no valid claim upon the land. 2. By

lent for milch cows, and when cooked are equally good for the early fattening of hogs.

Cover is on the whole doubtless the best adverse to the original homesteader. 3. Yes; un-Corn is, on the whole, doubtless the best single article for fowls; but an all-corn diet is bad. It fattens too rapidly, and sometimes to excess, for egg production. Always feed a variety, and never omit meat in some shape, feeding some every three or four days at least. A hen will eat almost anything, and her tastes should be studied. Some vegetables in Winter are very important, as also is gravel or bones when snow covers the earth.

The Life of Logan. To THE EDITOR: I received the "Life of Logan" and have read it through, and I am more than pleased with it. The true man and soldier, how I wish there were many more such men as Logan-true as steel to our glorious old flag. May he live to stand at the head of this Government. His glorious words make my heart throb when I think of those battlefields that I have been on myself and what the soldiers have been through. No one knows but those who have been there.

I must thank you for the bold stand you take in your paper in defending the soldier in his rights to his pension. I am anxious to get THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE every week, and hope to be able to send the dollar every time.-WM. M. STEWART, Co. D, 21st Mass., East Stoughton,

A Lively Corpse.

To THE EDITOR: I notice in your issue of Jan. 22, under head of "Washington Gossip," you quote Commander Alexander as introducing Gov. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, at a banquet held in Washington recently, as the sole survivor of the famous "War-Governors" of the loyal States. I think he is mistaken as to his being the sole survivor, as we have a person in Iowa that we are all wont to refer to as the famous "War-Governor" of Iowa. I refer to Sam'l J. Kirkwood. And to class him (indirectly) as physical disability. When I enlisted we were among the dead, is equivalent to introducing a very lively corpse to the "silent majority." I hope you will correct the statement referred to .- "ANDERSONVILLE," Randolph, Ia.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS. Replies to Questions on a Variety of Interesting

Subjects. [To Correspondents.-Write questions on a separate sheet of paper, give full name and address, and mark it "Correspondents' Column." No attention will be paid to communications that are not accompanied with full name and address of writer, Our readers are requested to inclose a stamp for reply to their inquiries.

A. J. A., Summit City, Mich .- Can a man enter a homestead, hold it, and prove it up by going upon it and staying two or three days each six months, and hiring some improvements? Is that considered actual residence? Answer. No. The law requires a continuous residence and cultivation. The law would not be complied with in the case cited. A. K. M., West Manchester, O .- A soldier having a tled to apply "in the regular way." just claim for bounty presented his claim in due form. It was disallowed by the accounting officers intelligence and persevering efforts, and being of the Treasury Department (the Second Auditor and Comptroller). Has said soldier any right of appeal? If so, to whom? Answer. There is no appeal from the decision of the Comptroller. His legision is final.

M. J. F., South Euclid, O., asks which is most de structive, fire or water; and which has cost the United States the most? Also, where can a book opinion. 2. From some bookseder.

J. B. R., East Moriches, N. F.-1. We cannot say M. Morey, Delaware, O.—The watch and chain how long ader an examination before claimant received, and are all that you represent them to be.

—John Squire, Albert Lea, Minn.—Received the by with no attempt to improve the quality of about the condition of the case. 2. If Board reports one-half disability, the claimant, if an enlisted | than I expected .- John A. Ward, Marengo, Iowa, man, will probably be rated at \$4, as total for an enlisted man is 88.

A Subscriber, Hebron, Neb.-1. How many Repub-

licans and how many Democrats were there in the Union army? 2. Were there any Republican vol-unteers in the Confederate army? 3. What party did the Confederate army get their volunteers counted them. 2. Not many, we imagine. 8. From the Secession party and its sympathizers, W. E., Franklin, N. Y.—Brig.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. Army, entered the service Sept. 9, 1861, as Captain, 22d Mass. Inf. He became Lieutenantgood start, and then wonder why farming Colonel, 61st N. Y. Inf., May 31, 1862, and subsequently rose to the rank of Major-General, U. S. Vois. He was appointed Colonel, 40th U.S. Inf. July 28, 1866; was transferred to 5th U. S. Inf. March 15, 1869, and was made Brigadier-General, U. S. A., Dec. 15, 1880. He was born in Massachusetts, and is not a "West Pointer." W. S. B., Elmira-1. There is no law that provides a pension of \$8 to any soldier, unless said

soldier is totally disabled and he can prove that he contracted his disability in the service and in line of duty, etc. 2. The child of a soldier over 16 years of age cannot, under any circumstances, draw a B. E. G., Olean, N. Y.-1. About what is the average time between a final examination of a ciaimant for pension and his notification from the Department of the result of his claim? 2. Has an attorney a right to intercede at the Pension Department in behalf of a client? If so, when? 3. If a claim is ejected, will the Pension Department inform the applicant of the cause? Answer, If claim is otherwise complete, two or three months. 2. Yes, at any

ime. 3. Yes.

R. McR., Milo, Mo.—If a man homesteads a piece again, can the first one homestead any more? inswer. No. He has exhausted his right. Inquirer, National Military Home, O.-Supposing the Treasurer of any of the National Military Homes gives a check to a soldier going on furlough for his pension, payable at any bank, and before such cashed the Treasurer leaves with more money than his bonds would cover; would not the Government be responsible for the full amount? Or, if it had been cashed, would not the bank get the full amount? Answer. The check would not be credit at the bank to meet it. The Government would not be liable in any event. A bank cashing bank upon which it was drawn, then the bank that cashed it would have to look to the party who

soldier would thus be the loser, because he would S. P. C., Mitchell, Ind .- A man enlisted in May, 1861: commissioned Second Lieutenant of same company September, 1862; resigned August, 1863. He never received any bounty. Is he entitled to any bounty? The same soldier enlisted as a vetevan in a new company and regiment Oct. 30, 1863; was paid \$60 bounty first pay day. He was made Second Lieutenant of same company Jan. 16, 1864; made Captain of another company in same regiment September, 1864, and resigned Jan. 15, 1865; never received any more bounty. Is he entitled to any more for veteran enlistment? Answer, No to

received the money for re-imbursement, and the

T. R. W., Ohio.-I enlisted in September, 1861; was wounded at baitle of Shiloh; was treated at Cincinnati by hospital Surgeons for four months: afterwards I served with the regiment until April, 1863, when, in consequence of two nights' successive picket duty, I went to sleep on post, was found by the Officer of the Day, sent to Headquarters, tried, and sentenced to six months imprisonment, with loss of allowances. As I was losing my health in prison, I escaped and did not return to my comnand, as that would have resulted in my rearrest and reimprisonment, but enlisted in another command. I drew an honorable discharge at the end of the war, and also received \$302 bounty; was three months a prisoner of war during the last enlistment. 1. Can I get a discharge from my first enlistment? 2. Can 1 get the other \$100 bounty, making the amount \$402? 3. Is there anything due me on account of imprisonment among the rebels-commutation of rations or anything else? 4. Can I draw a pension for that wound at the battle of Shiloh in my first enlistment? Answer. No. 2, No. 3, That we cannot answer. You ought to know whether you were paid commutation of rations for your imprisonment. That would be all that you could claim. 4. No. Tennessee? Answer. 1. We do not know to what bill you refer. 2. The Legislature of Tennessee, in 1882, passed an act providing a pension of \$10 per month to Confederate soldiers from the State who lost both eyes in the late war, and to Federal soldiers, who are not already pensioned by the U. S., in like manner afflicted. This is the only pension granted by the State that we are aware of. 3. No. W. C., Thayer, Mo.-1. You can apply in case mentioned under the Mexican Pension Bill if it becomes a law. 2. You have not lost your right to pre-emption or homestead. 3. Six months is alowed after filing declaratory statement before an applicant under soldiers' homestead law is required to make any improvement upon the land. 4. For 160 acres held at \$2.50 per acre the fees for entry in your State are \$8.

D. H., Humeston, Iowa.—I served five years in the Regular Army of the U. S.; enlisted Sept. 9, 1875; honorably discharged Sept. 8, 1880. Am I entitled to enter, under the provisions of the homestead law, 160 acres of land, or are these rights only given to soldiers who served in the rebellion? Answer. The privileges of the soldiers' homestead law extends only to soldiers of the late war of the rebellion. Your service in the army since the war does food in the manger, instead of leaving part, as | not confer any privileges upon you other than is cattle usually do. The sugar also improves the | possessed by every citizen of the United States. It could require a residence of five years upon the and for you to acquire title thereto. You can enter 160 acres the same as a citizen.
D. C. Delavan.—Eight dollars is all you can draw

s father's pension. Your age and disability do not freet the rate, nor can your pension be increased W. H., Bucyrus, Ohio.—Gen. Grant attained the rank of General, U. S. A., which is a grade higher han that of Lieutenant-General. The rank of General does not now exist, except on the retired ist. It expires with Gen. Sherman, who succeeded Gen. Grant in that rank.

J. L. F., Sheridan, Kan .- 1. If a homestead that has been taken before June, '80, is abardoned, and the owner in another part of the United States, and has been for four years, can the owner of said hometead sell or relinquish his right to a second party, claim? 3. Is not the man that contests said claim entitled to it after it being satisfactorily proved that it has been abandoned? Answer. I. No. If he has less there is some complication out of the usual

order of such cases.

J. M., Marengo, Ill.-1. Where a claim has been rejected and an appeal taken to the Secretary of the Interior, does all the testimony in the claim pass through his hands, or merely a report from the Commissioner? 2. And if allowed, who says how much the claimant shall receive? Answer, 1. When notice of appeal is received at the Pension Office the claim is re-examined, and if decision of rejection is adhered to all the papers are sent to the Secre-tary for his revision, 2. The Medical Division of

the Pension Office. R. B., Zeno, O.-Application for change of date of muster as an officer should be filed with the Adjutant-General, U.S. A., this city. As the success of each case depends upon the facts shown by the records of the War Department, and as such records are not accessible to any person not connected with that Department in an official capacity, we cannot predict, with any degree of certainty, what will be the result of such claim. Some are entitled and some are not entitled. The only method by which the facts can be determined is to file an application and await the decision of the Adjutanteral thereupon. E. B. M., Wellsburgh, W. Va.-1. The attorney

mentioned has gone out of the business. 2. You can correspond direct with the Pension Office if you so desire. 3, 88. J. A. J., Spring Hill, Kan,-A claim based on "spinal trouble" would not include disease of heart, not alleged; but found to exist upon examination. To prove claim for heart disease you would have to show that it was contracted in the army. We doubt whether it would be accepted as

a result of disease of spine.

soldier can have his pension increased, and to whom he must apply; also, if he can apply on a new disability? Answer. He can apply for increase at any time to the Commissioner of Pensions, on either the old or a new disability, or both. J. M. C., Detroit, Mich.-Can you inform me whether any provision has ever been made for bounties to soldiers who were discharged for disability before serving two years? For instance, I enlisted on the 6th day of August, 1862, for three years, unless sooner discharged. After about 18 months of service I was discharged on account of promised \$100 bounty by the Government; \$25 was paid when we were mustered into service, the balance was to be paid at the expiration of the term of service. When I was discharged the \$25 previously paid me was deducted from the amount of monthly pay due me. I have never received a dollar in bounty from the Government or any other source. Answer. No provision has been made for the payment of bounty in such cases, where the cause of discharge was disease. If discharged for counds the soldier would be entitled to the full bounty, the same as if he had served his entire time. The Equalization of Bounty Bill is intended provide for just such cases as above mentioned. If that bill is passed you will be entitled to \$150. L. D., Cora, Kan. - Can a man who served in the Missouri State militia and never left the State procure a pension? And if he can, would he have to proceed in the regular way? Answer. Such a claim now filed would be rejected. The law provides that no claim of a State militiaman shall be valid unless prosecuted to a successful issue prior to July 4, 1874. If it can be established that the organization of State militia was in the United States service, then the claim would be valid, and the soldier, if disabled in service and in line of duty, is enti-

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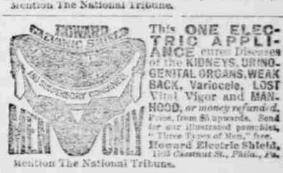
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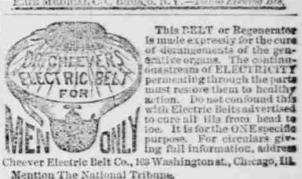
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